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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

MONOPOLY PAPER

Kansas City, Mo., is several miles from Oakland, California, but whatever an Oaklander hears about a monopoly newspaper in any part of the country is interesting for what might be called Towering reasons.

The Kansas City Star has been found guilty by a jury of trying to monopolize the dissemination of news and advertising in the Kansas City area.

The management made you subscribe to a morning edition, an evening edition, a Sunday edition — all or nothing, you couldn't just subscribe to one of those three editions. You couldn't buy any advertising space with the outfit if you proposed to or did buy such space in other publications; and if you did advertise with the Star outfit attempts were made to coerce you into buying an unreasonable amount of space.

On top of this the Daily Outpost, as it might well be called, had reached one long arm out and got hold of a radio station, and this was used as part of the coercive scheme.

TRUMAN STARTED IT

The offenses just cited, along with others, were all held by the jury to have been proved against the Star combine in court. While the big paper, seething with what it declares to be righteous indignation, is going to appeal to the higher courts, even if the charges hold, the fine is only \$50,000, which is just cigarette money for such a big outfit, and one year in jail for the officer of the paper who is to function as the goat.

But what may really hurt is an injunction, now being sued for by the Federal Government, to stop the big paper from proceeding with such monopolistic monkey business.

Yet when the Truman Administration launched the proceedings which have just now culminated in this jury decision, there was a loud cry of "Politics!" However, when the GOP took over, evidently the case was so strong against the paper, the Administration didn't dare withdraw the action.

OAKLAND SITUATION

No such charges have been made against the Tribune in Oakland. But it is not wholesome to have just one paper hooked up with a radio station, too—dominate a city the size of Oakland. It is true that there is competition from across the bay and from cities adjoining Oakland, but nevertheless the Knowland outfit dominates.

Nor can we count on the Eisenhower Administration making many such fights against monopoly as it felt impelled to make in the Kansas City case which Truman already had under way. In general, as Senator Kefauver said the other day, "monopoly is running wild."

W. Craig, Who Headed Bricklayers 8, Passes

William Craig, a long-time member of Bricklayers 8 and former president of that union from 1935 to 1940, passed away here on March 11. He was 68.

Brother Craig, a staunch union man, held several other official positions in Local 8 during his lengthy membership. His last place of employment was with J. T. Thorpe Co. of Emeryville. A native of North Ireland, Craig had been a resident of Oakland since 1906.

Survivors include his widow, Ruth; 2 daughters, Helen J. Cullen and Ruth Priscilla Hager of Concord; a son, Walter D. Craig of Lafayette; sisters, Margaret J. Lowry of Oakland, Annie Rainey of Irwin, Pa.; Agnes and Rachel Gordon of North Ireland; a brother, Andrew Craig of Oakland, and 4 grandchildren.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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NEW WESTERN UNION OFFICE.—For the first time in the memory of local union officers, the Western Union Telegraph Co. has moved into newer and more spacious quarters in Alameda County. It happened on March 7 with the opening of a 100% AFL staffed office in downtown San Leandro at 273 West Estudillo Ave. Shown above are some of the company and union officials and employees who took part in the office opening. They are (standing left to right): George W. Hageman, regional president of the AFL Commercial Telegraphers Union; G. S. Middlesworth, assistant operations manager of Western Union; Larry Ross, president, Local 208; and E. R. Stine, superintendent of the East Bay area for Western Union. Office employees, from left, are Jennie O'Dello, senior branch operator; Anita Lile, office manager; and Geraldine Durham, senior branch manager. (Photo courtesy of Morning News)

Hayward Temple's Opening Attended By Throng of 2000

Some 2000 guests of Carpenters Local 1622 turned out Saturday evening (March 12) to participate in the enthusiastic dedication ceremonies which officially opened the new \$150,000 AFL Labor Temple located at the junction of Mattox Road and East 14th Street in Hayward.

The attractive 1-story frame structure, covering 11,000 square feet of floor space, is owned by Local 1622 and serves also as headquarters for Hayward Painters 1178 and the Hayward branches of Laborers 304 and Butchers 120.

Guests at the gala affair heard prominent labor and civic officials extol the beauties of the new labor temple and prophesy a new era for business and labor expansion in the Hayward area.

LADIES HELP OUT

Following the brief speech-making ceremonies, the guests were treated to heaping portions of ham, beef, salads and appropriate quantities of liquid refreshments served by the tireless ladies of Carpenters' Auxiliary 465.

The festive affair was topped off with several hours of dancing by the guests and their wives to the music of an excellent orchestra hired specially for the occasion.

Among the many official speakers from the ranks of labor were Joseph Cambiano, Carpenters International Union Executive Board member and president of the State Council of Carpenters; Clement Clancy and C. R. Bartalini, president and secretary respectively of the Bay District Council of Carpenters; William P. Kelly, commissioner of Apprenticeship Training, State of California; B. Rhodes Tooke and Leslie K. Moore, president and secretary respectively of District Council of Painters 16; F. O. Jorgenson, secretary of the Santa Clara District Council of Carpenters; Norman Campbell, representing the Marin County Carpenters; and Charles A. Roe, Local 1622 business representative. Leon McCool, Local 1622 president, acted as chairman during the dedication meeting.

MAYOR, SHERIFF SPEAK

Other speakers during the evening included William O. Wilson, Mayor of Hayward, and Alameda County Sheriff Jack Gleason.

Congressman George P. Miller and Morris Hutcheson, Carpenters International General President, both sent telegrams expressing their regrets for being unable to attend the affair and wishing success to the new labor temple.

Observed in the vast audience at the dedication and called upon to take bows were Don Cameron, Carpenters International representative; Joe Roberts, Labor Liason Representative, Division of Industrial Safety, State Department of Industrial Relations; George Gibbs, Laborers International representative; Ernie Mountain, Hayward Painters 1178; S. E. Thornton, Butchers 120; Anthony Ramos, Millmen 550; Eric Norberg, Laborers 304; Floyd Attaway, Culinary Workers & Bartenders (Continued on Page 4)

Demo, Called Scoundrel For Mentioning Royal Family, In S. F. Monday

A reception honoring Paul Butler, the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 21, Comstock Room, Palace Hotel, San Francisco.

Clara Shipser of Berkeley, Democratic National Committeewoman, in announcing the reception, adds that Butler will speak at the Commonwealth Club at noon, following the reception, and says that "since the luncheon attendance is restricted to men only gentlemen who can come to hear Mr. Butler speak, please call Douglas 3-4903, the Commonwealth Club office, for reservations."

Demo Chairman Butler has been in the headlines lately for saying casually that one thing which might induce Mr. Eisenhower not to run again was the state of Mrs. Ike's health, for which the GOP leaders promptly denounced Butler as a "scoundrel." Whereupon James Reston of the New York Times remarked that "this comes with a poor grace from a party that has made a life career out of attacking Eleanor Roosevelt."

George Irvine of Rail Firemen Dies

George F. Irvine, 72, for years legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, died this week in a San Francisco hospital.

Irvine was active in Democratic politics, and was appointed by Governor Olson to the 1938 special prison investigation committee. His first name was Gordon, but he was always called George. He formerly lived in Alameda county. An employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad since 1904, he retired a year ago and made his home at 735 Taylor St., San Francisco.

Auto Machinists Win Pay Hike at Cake Co.

A \$1.50 per week across-the-board increase was won here by Auto Machinists 1546 in a new 1-year renewal contract signed February 21 between the local and Mothers Cake & Cookie Company of Oakland.

The agreement, retroactive to November 8, 1954, was negotiated on behalf of the union by E. H. Vernon, Local 1546 senior business representative, with an important assist by a committee appointed by the Central Labor Council.

HEARINGS NEXT WEEK ON 51 BILLS AFFECTING AFL

State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Haggerty gives urgent notice that 51 bills listed as GOOD or BAD by the AFL are scheduled for hearings by committees of the Legislature next week. Seventeen of the 51 bills concern the Workmen's Compensation Law. Union officials are urged to consult the State Fed Newsletter of March 18 for the complete list of committee hearings.

Congressman Allen Hides Postal Plea In Clothes Closet

Republican Congressman John J. Allen Jr. has finally been smoked out by letter carriers and postal clerks of this area to the extent that he has acknowledged he has been receiving communications from them asking what his attitude is toward the postal pay increase bill.

But the smoking out has left the postal workers still wondering what his attitude is; for when a rabbit is smoked out of one brush pile and immediately dashes across a narrow open space into another brush pile the hunter still hasn't got that rabbit.

The way Allen signaled that he really is getting some mail on the subject was to insert these paragraphs in his weekly mimeographed letter to constituents:

"As is usual in connection with postal pay bills, my mail has been rather heavy. Over 400 have been written. In addition, I received the postcard from Berkeley Local 47 of Post-office Clerks signed by over 200 and written on a piece of wall-board 8 feet long and 4 feet wide. It is the largest piece of mail I have ever received. As usual, I will answer the letters as soon as the bill has been acted upon and the position which I have taken is a matter of record."

"The big postcard is going to be very useful. Carol (the Congressman's wife) has wanted me to reline a closet. When the card has served its purpose as a communication, it will be built into the Allen residence as a permanent part of the building and a constant reminder to look out for the interests of the post-office clerks of Berkeley."

This left the postal workers in the dark—theoretically! — on Allen's attitude; and with the promise that he intends to hide that famous postcard in a clothes closet where he won't have "to face a constant reminder" (Continued on Page 4)

State Fed Backs FEPC Legislation

The full weight of the California State Federation of Labor has been thrown behind Assembly Bill 971 which aims at creating a State Fair Employment Practices Commission to protect workers from job discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry.

Assemblyman Byron W. Rumford of Berkeley is responsible for introducing the bill at Sacramento. The bill is being cosponsored by 21 other assemblymen.

C. J. Haggerty, State Fed secretary-treasurer, has appealed to all unions and labor councils urging financial backing for the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices which has been organized to secure passage of the legislation. The committee's headquarters is in the San Francisco Labor Temple at 2940 - 16th Street.

C. L. Dellums, International vice president of the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, is chairman of the committee.

Violators of BTC Job Rule Apprehended

The Building Trades Council's weekend job-check committee began its first tour of local job sites last Saturday and harvested 13 violations of BTC work rules.

Only 2 unionists found working that day had work permits from their unions, the rest were either non-unionists or "rat" unionists. Those unionists found working without union authorization permits have been reported to their respective unions for disciplinary action.

The large number of violations moved BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers to reiterate the council's widely publicized rules that:

1—Union members who expect to work overtime or on weekends must first obtain official "overtime work cards" from their unions and display these cards prominently on the job sites.

2—All permits issued by local unions for weekend work must be reported to the BTC office by 5 p.m. Friday for use of the committee for the weekend spot checks.

COLORADO WARNING

Local building craftsmen who are considering a trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, for work on the proposed U. S. Air Force Academy are urged to forget the entire matter.

There are simply no jobs in Colorado Springs at this time, declares Clifford G. Gould, business manager of the Denver Building Trades Council.

In a letter to the council here, Gould stated that hundreds of construction workers are arriving in Denver (60 miles from Colorado Springs) without first making inquiries, with the result that Denver relief agencies are becoming overloaded.

This is the way things stand in regard to the new Air Force Academy: actual construction of the project will not start until about March 1, 1956 "and then the job won't be rushed." The designers and architects of the project feel that the normal work force of the state will be able to do the job and that every effort will be made to prevent "boom town" conditions in Colorado Springs.

Gould caps his letter with the sobering information that there are already 10,000 unemployed in Denver alone at the present time.

HOSPITALS

Children announced that he is arranging a pre-job conference with John Branaugh & Sons for the purpose of discussing job conditions for all crafts expected to work on the new Washington Township Hospital and the addition to the Highland Hospital.

Business representatives of affected crafts will be invited to the conference, Childers stated.

SACRAMENTO

The council voted to authorize Childers to go to Sacramento and appear before legislative committees whenever the necessity arises during the present session of the state legislature.

BARNEY HOLDER

Roy W. Smith, secretary of Carpenters 36 Welfare Committee, wrote to thank the council for its financial aid on behalf of Barney Holder.

Holder, a trustee of Local 36, was seriously injured several months ago when he was run down by a car driven by 2 drunken teen-age girls. As a result of the accident, Holder lost one leg, had the other one broken and suffered extensive internal injuries.

Smith added that the benefit fund for Holder has proved a success and that Holder himself is showing steady improvement and may leave the hospital later this month.

VFW Opens Drive to Recruit New Members

Robert A. Fryer, adjutant of Union Labor Post 1917 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, announces the opening of a membership drive and urges all war veterans in the labor movement who have served their country outside the continental limits of the United States to join his organization in order to protect the rights and privileges of veterans.

Fryer, a long-time member of AFL Ironworkers 378, said he would be happy to visit any local union to explain why eligible war veterans should belong to his group.

AFL RECOMMENDATIONS, MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Following are the recommendations of candidates in the Berkeley general election April 5 and the Oakland primary election April 19, made by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL in convention assembled:

Berkeley General Election April 5

MAYOR
LAURANCE CROSS
CITY COUNCIL
JEFFERY COHELAN
ARTHUR HARRIS
LIONEL WILSON
SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SUSAN SELVIN (6-year term)
RALPH A. RHODA (4-year term)
COLLETTE O'DEA (2-year term)

Oakland Primary Election April 19

CITY COUNCIL
DR. GROVER H. MACLEOD (Dist. 1)
JOHN F. QUINN (Dist. 3)
JOHN W. HOLMDAHL (Dist. 7)
Note: No Recommendations, Dist. 5 and At Large
SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REV. L. SYLVESTER ODOM (Dir. No. 1)
JOHN J. KING (Dir. No. 2)
RICHARD L. GRODIN (Dir. No. 4)
DAVID S. TUCKER (Dir. No. 5)
Note: Directorship No. 3 left open for further consideration

AMENDMENTS
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Lodge 284 Honors 15-Year Members

Oakland Lodge 284, IAM, awarded 15-year membership pins to 30 union members at a special awards meeting held last night (Thursday) at St. George's Hall, 25th and Grove Streets.

The gala affair was rounded out with a delicious buffet dinner served by the ladies of the machinists' auxiliary.

The 30 honored unionists included August L. Anders, Kyle D. Blevins, J. H. Bone, E. Briggs, John Brodie, Anthony Cabral, Thomas Comendant, Ralph E. Cummings, Leslie S. Davis, Jerry E. Edwards, Domingo Fernandez, Guido F. Garibaldi, Lloyd Gomomo, Gus Groening.

Richard Hartje, W. E. Healey, F. C. Hodge, George C. Hughes, Affel R. Johnson, R. A. Kuskas, Sidney E. Lawrence, Carl F. Nelson, M. A. Neybert, George Reynolds, Jimmie Sanchez, Joseph Schafer, J. H. Simon, Paul J. Swyers, Albert Vallerger and S. H. Wright.

Store Clerks Ask Election at Wards

Department & Specialty Store Clerks 1265 filed Tuesday with NLRB in San Francisco a request for a union representation election at Montgomery Ward's retail store, East 14th and 29th avenue.

"We have a good majority of all the people in the retail store eligible for membership in our union," said Russ Mathiesen, secretary-treasurer of Local 1265, "and the election will show it."

There has long been a group of members of the union in the big store, and during recent weeks the union has had a special organizing office near the store.

Knight Names Hollywood AFL Man to \$12,000 Job

Governor Knight has appointed James D. Tante to the \$12,000 a year post of a member of the State Adult Authority, succeeding former S. F. Police Chief Charles W. Dullea, whose term on the Authority had expired.

Tante took office Tuesday. He has for some years been business representative of the AFL Studio Electrical Technicians in Hollywood.

Teamos Seek Approval For Brewery Strike

Five AFL Teamsters Locals which jointly represent most of California's brewery workers are requesting strike sanction from the San Francisco Labor Council against brewers and distributing firms in Northern California.

The Teamsters' contract with the brewers and distributing firms expires on April 1 and so far no agreement has been reached on a new one.

3 for Council 4 for School Board Backed

The Alameda County Voters League-AFL in convention this week recommended candidates coming before the voters of Oakland in the April 19 election.

The full list of recommended candidates, along with the candidates in the Berkeley election of April 5 will be found in the two-column box adjoining this story. This list will be published until the elections are held.

Dr. Grover H. MacLeod, incumbent, Oakland City Council District 1, is opposed by Peter M. Tripp, who was appointed to hold MacLeods place on the council while MacLeod was absent with the armed services. The executive committees of the AFL Voters League, which carefully considered all candidates before making recommendations to the convention, felt that MacLeod's record entitled him to the recommendation by the convention.

The League recommended candidate for City Council District 3, John F. Quinn, is the president of the Central Labor Council. His opponents are Howard Rilea, incumbent, and Earl N. Byers.

For City Council District 5 no recommendation was made. Incumbent Fred Maggiora is running unopposed.

John W. Holmdahl, League-endorsed candidate for City Council District 7 is an attorney associated with the office of former Mayor Joseph E. Smith, has an excellent war record, and was an active member of Paint Makers 1101 while working for his law degree. He was campaign manager of the much admired race made by Anga Bjornson for the State Senate. Holmdahls opponent is the incumbent Paul W. Heisey.

For City Council at Large the matter was left open. The incumbent Lester M. Grant has never endeared himself to labor in any way, and his opponent, Lillian Kiesel, is a candidate several times put up by one of the left wing groups.

SCHOOL BOARD

The Rev. L. Sylvester Odom, endorsed by the League for School Director No. 1, has long been active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. His opponent, Carl B. Munck, is the incumbent.

John J. King, endorsed by the League for School Director No. 2, is running unopposed. He is the first labor man to have been appointed to the Board of Education, and has held office for some months. King is the Grand Lodge representative in charge of the Oakland office, International Association of Machinists.

For School Director No. 3 no recommendation was made by the convention. The matter was left open, and referred to the AFL Voters League executive committee with full power to act. Marjorie M. Hirschler is the incumbent. She is opposed by W. M. Sherlock and Madeline Sunderland. The executive committee has not yet had an opportunity to question Sherlock.

For School Director No. 4 Richard L. Grodin, incumbent, running unopposed, was endorsed by the League.

For School Director No. 5 the League endorsed David S. Tucker, incumbent, who is opposed by Peter C. Jurs.

AMENDMENTS

The Parking Authority proposal which will be on the May final Oakland election ballot (Continued on Page 4)

Oakland Final Register Date

If you wish to vote in the Oakland final election of May 17 you have to register by Thursday, March 24. It's already too late to register for the April primary election in Oakland.

There won't be any deputy registrars around so you'll have to register either at City Hall or County Courthouse.

You're not on the Great Register of Voters, remember, if you passed up both the State primary and general elections in 1954 without voting. If you passed them both up, your name was removed.

HOW TO BUY

Vets' Valuable Benefits

By SYDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

There is a portentous note in the appointment of a committee by the President to "reappraise" present veterans' benefits, and in the recent recommendation of the Hoover Commission that they be "re-examined."

However, it is not the job of this department either to plug for benefits or assist in their liquidation, but rather to see that moderate-income families do know what legal helps they can command in the battle of the budget—while these helps still exist.

There is no doubt some veterans of World War I and II and the Korean conflict are passing up benefits and it will pay them to "re-examine" their rights before the Government commissions do.

Disability Pensions: Any veteran of either World War, or who served during Korea, should remember that if he ever becomes totally and permanently disabled in civilian life, he is entitled to a monthly pension payable by the Veterans Administration.

As well as younger vets who become disabled, many older ones may qualify for this benefit if they are forced to retire from work because of total disability, as older ones are, and can receive this benefit in addition to Social Security.

Death Benefits: Dependents' pensions often are payable to the widow, surviving children and dependent parents of veterans, even if death is non-service connected, but under different conditions. In addition, the Government will pay up to \$150 for funeral expenses on the death of any honorably-discharged vet.

Hospitalization: Care in V. A. or other authorized institutions is available for veterans with service-connected disability, but also to other vets who had war service even if the illness was not incurred in service.

Vocational rehabilitation is also available for veterans with at least ten percent disability. Outpatient dental care now is available only for recent veterans and must be applied for within a year of discharge.

Insurance: World War II vets who let their GI life insurance policies expire now cannot reinstate them, but any that have been recently let lapse can be reinstated before the end of the term period by meeting health requirements and pay a number of back premiums (depending on the kind of policy).

Miscellaneous Benefits: Most World War II vets may no longer begin education and training courses provided by the GI Bill, although some later ones and Korean and post-Korean vets still may.

State Benefits: Besides Federal benefits, there are many state and local rights for which vets are eligible. They vary among the states and it is not possible to list them. But among them are partial exemption from property taxes; employment preferences; educational benefits for children of deceased vets; domiciliary homes for vets, widows or widowers; state and county hospital privileges; land settlement benefits; and welfare aid if indigent. You can find out what benefits your own state provides by writing the state Secretary of State, department for her. She is endorsed by the AFL Veterans League.

Clubs' Chief Says Democrats Closing Gap in California

Alan Cranston, State president of the California Democratic Council, talked last week before the Alameda County Democratic Luncheon Forum, which is one of the clubs authorized to send delegates to the coming State convention of the organization he heads.

George L. Rice, Electricians 1245, presiding, announced that the following 5 delegates to the Fresno convention have been elected by the Luncheon Forum: Robert A. Ash, J. L. Childers, Lew Blix, Ernie Souza, and Rice.

Cranston, who is a business man of Los Altos, and the first State president of the California Democratic Council, was asked during the question period if he would be willing to accept nomination for reelection at the Fresno gathering. His reply was to the point: "Yes."

There was a burst of applause, and the chairman said: "You have more than 50 witnesses here to your promise."

ADLAI, FOUNDER
Cranston attributes the beginning of the Democratic club movement both in this State and throughout the country to Adlai Stevenson.

"When Adlai was in Europe during World War II," said Cranston, "he saw in a newspaper several weeks old that a large proportion of American mothers had told the Gallup pollsters that they did not wish their boys to enter politics when they grew up. This shocked Adlai. He came back home, got elected as Governor of Illinois, ran for President, and stimulated hundreds of thousands of people to enter politics through the club movement who had never been in politics before."

Cranston cited figures to show that since the disastrous Kenna campaign for Governor, the Democratic candidates for that office have been closing the gap between those in California registered as Democrats and those actually voting as such.

CLOSING GAP
When Kenna ran in 1946 the Democrats had 61% of the registered citizens; but the Democratic vote only 31%; a deviation of 30%.

When James Roosevelt ran in 1950 the Democrats had 61% of the registered voters; Democratic vote 30%; deviation 26%.

When Graves ran in 1954 the Democrats had 57% of the registered voters; Democratic vote 43%; deviation only 13%.

Similarly, the Democratic minority in both the State Senate and Assembly has been growing in size, the speaker pointed out, and this he said he considered very important, "as it is in these partisan offices at the bottom that the party gets built and develops power."

QUINN, HOLMDAHL
John F. Quinn and John Holmdahl, candidates for the nonpartisan offices of Oakland City Councilmen, were introduced by the chairman. Quinn is president of the Central Labor Council, and Holmdahl, now an attorney, was an active member of Paint Makers 1101 when employed in a paint factory.

The meeting was held at Milt's Oakland Willows.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

A MOTHER got very excited when her son's teacher remarked that it was his opinion that many children should go to trade schools, rather than to the conventional high school.

"I told him he must be a communist to talk like that," she said.

When it was pointed out to her that the communists took the opposite view, that they wanted everyone to have the same education, a "classless society," she reluctantly admitted that that was so. She just hadn't thought of it.

A father, a leader in the community, whose boys were not learning to read satisfactorily, told the school officials that they must be "communist," trying to wreck our school system by not teaching the children properly.

As we all know, there has been trouble from time to time, in some schools, with communisticly inclined teachers. This is, of course, a serious matter.

But to label everything wrong with our schools "communist" is to get no place fast!

There are a lot of things wrong with our schools. Too many kids, too few classrooms and teachers, for one thing.

For another, perfectly honest and conservative educators disagree on teaching methods. Different children require different methods. Education is an endless problem.

It is true that we must not tolerate communism in our schools.

It is also true, however, that we gain nothing by labelling everything that goes wrong "communist."

What we need is to look squarely at the problems as they arise and deal with them intelligently. We shall never solve our educational problems by merely calling names.

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2 Local Unions Win Raises in New Pacts

Eighty-eight members of 2 local AFL unions employed by Loyal Brothers in Hayward started receiving 5-cents an hour increase on their pay checks this week as a result of new agreements signed between the company and Sheet Metal Production Workers 355 and Auto and Ship Painters 1176. The raise is retroactive to January 1.

The contract, which will run until December 31, 1955, also provides for an automatic 2 cents an hour boost in August. Signing the contracts on behalf of the unions were Aaron R. Stewart, and Leslie K. Moore, business representatives respectively of Local 355 and Local 1176.

Pattern Makers Win Hike at Local Foundry

The Pattern Makers Association of San Francisco and vicinity, AFL, announced the signing of a new wage agreement on March 2 with the American Brass and Iron Foundry of Oakland providing for a 14-cents an hour across-the-board increase. The boost brings the wage scale for pattern makers at the plant to \$3.18 per hour.

William F. Jebe, union business manager, stated that the agreement will run until September 1956 with provision for wage reopening in September of this year.

The Pattern Makers are affiliated with the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

BRICKLAYERS LOCAL 8 business office in the AFL Labor Temple here is now located in Room 112 rather than Room 108. The move was made on March 7.

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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies:

WOMEN'S FEET in America are bigger than those of women in any other part of the world, and they seem to be getting still bigger," says Morton Hack, president of the Michigan Shoe Retailers Association.

Thirty years ago, says he, the average woman took a 6B size; today she takes a 7½B.

LARGER FEET are accompanied by "a more pleasant and generous character," says the Michigan expert. "Small feet usually are not dainty. They are generally pudgy, foreshortened, with no grace."

Mr. Hack believes that women in this land of the free and the home of the big feet are getting brave about the size of their pedal extremities. "Women are getting rid of the Cinderella members but it does not serve complex — the mistaken idea that small feet are dainty."

TEETER-TOTTER high heels, which compel a woman to give the ankle a twist with every step, seem still to be very popular, though.

However, most of these fashions which men enjoy denouncing are actually liked by them, we've heard.

One thing is a puzzler: when so many women, like their men-folks, never walk an inch if they can help it, except to get from the front door to the automobile, you'd think their feet would be shriveling from disuse, rather than getting healthily bigger.

RECESSION in '54 was a reality, and the economy has gained only half the lost ground in production and one-third in unemployment, both Democrats and Republicans on a U. S. Senate committee agree.

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Steamfitters Get Capital Report

By JIM MARTIN

Over 3000 representatives of Secretary of Labor and would respond to the AFL Building Trades Departments Legislative Conference held in Washington, D. C., March 7 to 10.

The United Association was well represented by 231 delegates including General President Durkin and other international officers.

President Richard Gray of the Building Trades Department presided over the conference. One of the principle speakers of this conference was AFL President George Meany.

The purpose of the conference was to discuss amendments to the Taft-Hartley and Davis-Bacon laws as proposed in bills supported by the AFL Building Trades Department and just introduced in Congress.

The Taft-Hartley amendments would eliminate section 14 (b) under which state law is declared governing when it is more anti-labor than the federal statute. The provision enables states to pass "Right-to-Work" legislation, outlawing union shop agreements. There are now 14 states with this Right-to-Work law.

These Taft-Hartley Act amendments would also revise the Secondary Boycott provision so that building trades workers would no longer be forced to work side by side on the same project with non-union men as they are now required to do in 14 states of the Union.

The Davis-Bacon Act applies now to direct federal construction and to some federally assisted programs, such as schools, hospitals, slum clearance, etc. Coverage of the Act in 1954 affected four and one-half billion dollars of new construction. The proposed amendments would extend coverage to nine billion dollars of federally assisted construction work.

Also included in these amendments is they would grant full enforcement authority upon the

1954, when he resigned that post to become resident engineer for Cinerama.

While serving as business agent he studied economics, public speaking and labor-management relations at the University of San Francisco. Local 162 recognized his service as an officer by presenting him with a gold life membership card.

He serves on the Executive Board of the San Francisco Central Labor Council and is a past President of the San Francisco Theatrical Federation.

He succeeded International Representative Steve B. Newman, who requested to be relieved of active duty.

Up and down the aisle... Frank Pratt is the new manager of the Roxie, replacing Brother Dick Mead, who maintained his union membership while employed in an executive capacity.

Pratt hails from Billings, Montana. Mead returned to his old post at the Roxie on a limited shift basis at his own request.

Gilbert Botelho off the Fox-Oakland door, to go to work at the Naval Air Station... Al Ruibal of the T & D, recently married... A recent addition to the Roxie door crew is Frank Gallagher... Nick Gorbunoff, formerly of the Roxie door, now

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Painters 127 Open Pact Negotiations

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Negotiations started Tuesday, March 15 on the new agreement 27 proposals were submitted by labor and 31 proposals submitted by the employers. After this exchange of proposals a motion was passed that the negotiators adjourn to meet again next Tuesday, March 22. This action was taken to give both sides an opportunity to study the proposals. The next meeting of the local will be on Thursday, March 24, which will be a special called meeting for much important business including a discussion on what our employers have to offer for the new agreement. Again we remind the brothers that with the compulsory arbitration clause out of the agreement the membership will be called upon to take whatever action they desire to take in this matter. Consequently all brothers should attend all meetings of all the local unions between now and the date of expiration of our present agreement.

Our preventive medicine program started out this week and quite a few of the wives of our members have made an appointment for themselves or their children. If you have a condition of medical illness phone the office and a form will be mailed to you. Call the doctor whose card is attached to the form and he will make an appointment for you at your convenience. Don't be disappointed if you have to wait a few days for this appointment as the doctors can handle only so many patients each day. Remember, this free service is for dependents who have a medical complaint that requires diagnosis and is not meant for doctors visits for those who know definitely what is wrong with them. If in doubt, call this office for more information. TWinoaks 3-2755.

As far as we know we have no brothers hospitalized at this time. If any of the brothers know of any one in the hospital please let us know.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

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Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
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The next regular meeting will be held at Mechanics Hall, Labor Temple, San Francisco, California, on Sunday afternoon, March 20, 1955 at one o'clock.

Yours fraternally,
HORACE STAFFORD,
Secretary.

Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823

This is a reminder to members of Local 823 that commencing in April our regular meetings will be held at 9 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday; 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday; and 8 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday.

Fraternally yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Painters 127

All members of Local No. 127 are hereby notified that a Special Meeting has been called for the evening of Thursday, March 24, 8 p.m. in the regular meeting hall. Purpose of this meeting is to nominate and elect delegates to the California State Conference of Painters and to act on any other special business that may come before the meeting. We will also have a report from our negotiator on the new agreement.

All brothers are urged to attend this important meeting.

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FLOYD PEASLEE,
Recording Secretary

Berkeley Painters Local 40

Our next regular meeting, March 25, 1955, will be a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING for the purpose of nominating and electing delegates to the State Conference of Painters convention to be held in San Francisco in April. Any other special business to come before the Local will be taken up at this time. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Please attend.

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BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

Berkeley Painters No. 40

Berkeley Painters Vote Assessment

By BEN RASNICK

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